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E.O. 11652:GDS
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SUBJECT: LOS; CONSULTATIONS IN AFRICA

1. AS PART OF THE PREPARATION FOR NEXT SESSION OF LAW OF
THE SEA CONFERENCE WHICH TAKES PLACE IN GENEVA, MARCH 17
TO MAY 10, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE FOR USG LOS
REP TO VISIT CERTAIN SELECTIVE AFRICAN CAPITALS TO CONSULT
ON LOS ISSUES OF COMMON INTEREST PRIOR TO ANY OAU CON-
SIDERATION OF LOS MATTERS. DEPT PROPOSES THAT MYRON
NORDQUIST, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO CHAIRMAN OF LOS TASK
FORCE, VISIT SOME OF ADDRESSEES POST CAPITALS DURING FEB-
RUARY. COUNTRIES WILL BE SELECTED FOR VISIT ON BASIS THAT
NO U.S. REP HAS RECENTLY HELD TALKS WITH HOST GOVERNMENT
REPS ON LOS ISSUES AND THAT EMB BELIEVES DISCUSSIONS WOULD
PROMOTE ACHIEVEMENT OF U.S. LOS POSITIONS AT CONFERENCE.
PURPOSE OF TALKS WOULD BE TO REVIEW FULL RANGE OF LOS
ISSUES, TO DISCUSS MOST IMPORTANT OBJECTIVES OF US AND OF
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HOST GOVERNMENTS AND TO IDENTIFY COMMON OBJECTIVES AT NEXT

LOS CONFERENCE.

2. EMB VIEWS ON DESIRABILITY OF SUCH CONSULTATIONS AS WELL
AS SUITABILITY OF TIMING AND POSSIBLE SPECIFIC AGENDA
ITEMS ARE REQUESTED. KISSINGER UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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